Black-Listing of Contractors

3832. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has black-listed any contractor in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI had given contracts to some unqualified road contractors in the year 2003 and 2004;

(c) whether NHAI would review such contracts given under duress to some contractors;

(d) whether NHAI has reviewed the performance of all contractors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arsie.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Highway in Maharashtra

†3833. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways in Maharashtra and the amount spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years;

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for upgradation of the State Highways of Maharashtra to National Highways; and

(c) the programmes of Government with regard to "Golden quadrilateral roads" in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The length of National Highways in Maharashtra is 4176 kms. and Rs. 290.59 crores has been spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No proposal of up-gradation from State Highway to National Highway has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra after the last declaration of National Highways in February, 2004.

(c) Under the Golden Quadrilateral 489 Kms of National Highways pertains to the State of Maharashtra of which 456 kms. has already been 4 laned and balance is under implementation.

Roads in Bihar

3834. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways, State Highways and other roads in Bihar;

(b) the roads in Bihar whose condition is poor;

(c) the action taken/being taken to improve the condition of roads in Bihar; and

(d) the total funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Ministry is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. The State Highways and other roads in Bihar are the responsibility of the State Government. There are 27 National Highways *viz.*, No.2, 19, 28, 28A, 28B, 30, 30A, 31, 57, 57A, 77, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 98, 99, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 110 passing through the State of Bihar having a total length of 3629 Kms.

(b) to (d) The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and *inter se* priority. During the last six years, works amounting to Rs. 569.69 Crores for the improvement of 2395 Kms of various stretches on National Highways have been sanctioned under different schemes of Improvement of Riding Quality Programme, Strengthening, Widening, Periodical Renewal, Reconstruction & Rehabilitation of bridges. Besides, four laning works of about 206 Kms on Golden Quadrilateral and 513 Kms on East West Corridor under National Highway Development Project Phase-I and Phase-II respectively are at various stages of implementation. So far, National Highway Authority of India has awarded four laning works amounting to Rs. 1324.45 Crores.